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# PERRY'S CATALOGUE

*Select Strawberry Plants  
and Sweet Potato Plants*



FAIRFAX

*THE QUALITY STRAWBERRY*

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BASIL PERRY

GEORGETOWN

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DELAWARE

# Description of Varieties

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**PREMIER** (Early) — Long recognized as the leading commercial berry of the country. Premier owes its deserved popularity to its wide adaptations to soil and climate, its extreme earliness, and to its heavy yields of large, well shaped, uniform, bright red, reasonably firm berries which hold their size well to the end of the season. With us Premier withstands drouth better than most varieties. Quality good but not up to Dorsett or Fairfax. Plants vigorous and disease resistant.

Although it is being pushed hard by Dorsett and Fairfax, Premier still remains the most popular berry grown and still is the variety which any new introduction must equal or surpass if it is to become widely grown.

Old growers need no introduction to Premier and new growers will make no mistake in planting it. I have a large supply of large, healthy, heavy-rooted Premier plants and can still fill your order for any quantity.

**HOWARD 17.** This berry is exactly the same as Premier.

**DORSETT** (Early) — No two new varieties have aroused more widespread interest or shown more promise in recent years than Dorsett and Fairfax which were introduced by the United States Department of Agriculture a few years ago. Both have been widely grown and both have ranked well along side Premier, which has long been recognized as the measure of standard in commercial varieties. From our experience we can recommend these two varieties and urge all growers to try them under their conditions.

Dorsett is a very large bright red berry of excellent quality and very firm so that it stands shipping well. Berries are more attractive than Premier and hold their bright, rich color for a long time after picking. Under favorable conditions Dorsett will out-yield Premier but due to the exceptional vigor of the plants it tends to set too many plants for maximum production. It responds very well to thinning or spacing the plants. Ripens along with Premier.

**FAIRFAX.** (Early) — Unquestionably the firmest and finest quality berry we have grown. Berries are very large and uniform, holding their size well to the end of the season. The flesh is exceedingly firm and meaty, excelling Dorsett in this respect. Ripens with Premier or a few days later in some localities. A good canning variety. Plants large and vigorous. Probably its chief fault lies in its color which is rather dark and with a tendency to become more so after being picked. A good commercial variety and one of the finest for home use.

**BIG JOE** — Also known as Joe Johnson. One of the best, if not the best, of the mid-season varieties. The plants are exceedingly vigorous and make fine fruiting beds on any soil that will produce strawberries. Makes good under nearly all conditions. Berries are firm, bright red in color, almost perfect in shape, of very large size and produced in great abundance for so large a berry. Sells for top prices. It is a fine table berry, and I can recommend it for home use or for distant market. For profit plant Big Joe; it is distinctly a money-maker.

**CHESAPEAKE.** (Late) — One of the handsomest and best flavored varieties. Nearly as late as Gandy, larger and just as firm, much more productive and without green tips. Berries are uniform in size and shape and are bright crimson in color.

**CATSKILL** — Was originated by the New York Exp. Station (seedling No. 4443) where it has been grown for several years and is highly recommended for its size, yield and attractiveness. Catskill is a cross of Marshall and Premier and must take its fruiting qualities after Premier for it is a heavy producer and in tests made has even outyielded that variety and seems to be second to none in yield under normal conditions. The berries are large in size, bright red in color with a bright green cap that makes an attractive appearance and of excellent quality and flavor. The plant growth is unusually vigorous with long fibrous roots that penetrate deep into the soil making them drouth resistant. The foliage is healthy and vigorous, makes plants freely, in fact on good ground may need spacing or thinning for best results as the berries in nearly all varieties are the largest and best where plants are not too thick.

Catskill is a mid-season to late variety ripening same season as Big Joe and is supposed to take the place of this variety and growers should test it with Big Joe to see which variety does the best for them under their conditions.

**NEW YORK** — This is the sweetest strawberry grown. The plant is a vigorous grower, producing a moderate number of large, healthy plants. The berries are medium to large in size, dark red in color, but only moderately firm in texture. New York is a home garden berry. It is the only strawberry we know of that is sweet before it gets red. We have many calls for New York from those whose health does not permit them to eat berries which are in any way tart or acid in quality.

**CORSICAN.** — This berry is exactly the same as New York.

**LUPTON.** — A beautiful large, late shipping berry. I cannot say it is of high quality but the berries are so pretty and firm that they sell well in our shipping markets.

# BASIL PERRY

GROWER OF

## TRUE TO NAME STRAWBERRY PLANTS

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GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE

DEAR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:—

I am writing you in reference to your orders for Strawberry Plants as I have a million of them grown on land that is especially adapted for producing large size, well rooted disease free plants. My plants are properly fertilized and cultivated under the best methods for producing best quality Strawberry Plants, they are State Certified and 100 per cent true to name. You cannot get any better plants no matter where you get them.

I have had thirty years experience in growing and shipping plants, I give your orders my prompt and personal attention in regards to the growing, digging, packing shipping, etc., assuring you the most efficient service, the plants are put in proper shape and tied in bundles of 26 plants each correctly labeled and packed in light baskets and crates with plenty of damp moss so they will reach you in perfect condition for planting and producing a very large crop of fine Strawberries.

If you care to favor me with a share or all of your patronage I assure you that it will be a pleasure for me to serve you and I believe you will be pleased with the results from my plants, I will certainly do my best to please you.

Sincerely yours,

**BASIL PERRY,**

THE STRAWBERRY MAN

OF GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE

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### WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS TELL US

**WILLIAM M. SEYMOUR OF NEW YORK**—Writes, received the Strawberry Plants about ten days ago in very good shape, they were very nice plants and everyone has lived I am very well satisfied with them.

**ALFRED W. DANIELS OF MASS.**—Writes, from your Everbearing Strawberry Plants I had berries last year until it snowed almost they bore fine much better than I expected am very well pleased.

**MISS NETTIE CARTER OF MAINE**—Writes, I had some Premier Strawberry Plants from you two years ago and they were the best I had.

**LEON ARTHUR GOULD OF VERMONT**—Writes, I got 2,000 Strawberry Plants from you this spring and out of the 2,000 we have only lost four plants they are all getting runners on them they sure are beautiful.

**ARTHUR V. WHEELER OF MASS.**—Writes the plants you sent me last year came in fine shape and are looking fine this Spring.

**J. VANCE ALLOWAY OF PA.**—Writes the Dorsett and Fairfax Plants I received from you last year were fine.

**MRS. CHAS. E. YOUNG OF CONN.**—Writes, received the Strawberry Plants in perfect condition the plants were fine and so wonderfully packed, will certainly send future orders to you.

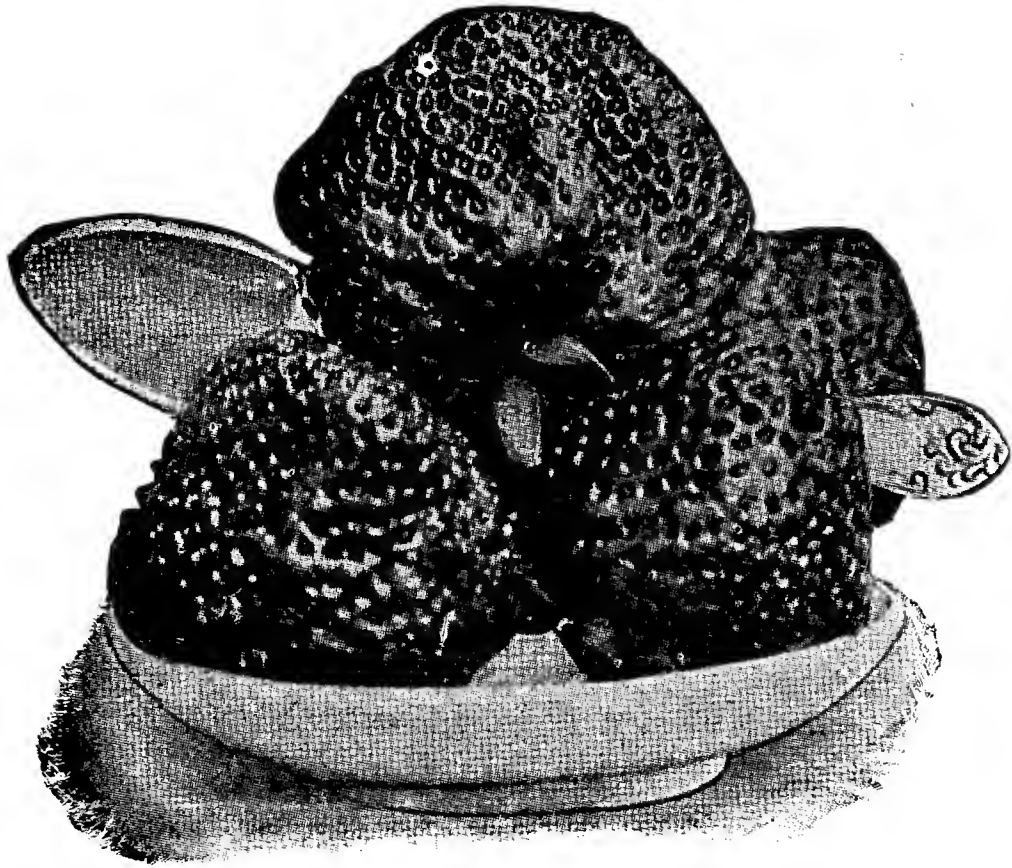
**J. ANTHONY KRIGEL OF NEW YORK**—Writes, Strawberry Plants arrived in good condition am exceptionally pleased with them especially the Dorsett and Fairfax Plants.

**MRS. RUFUS P. BUCHER OF PA.**—Says we always have success with your Plants

1. The first part of the book is devoted to a general  
 introduction to the subject of the history of the  
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# MASTODON

## MADE EVERBEARERS PROFITABLE

**MASTODON.** — Is still the most popular and extensively planted of all the everbearing varieties holding about the same position among the everbearers that Premier has among the spring varieties. Gem from my experience the past two years is a close second and would recommend giving it a thorough trial, but Mastodon has been tried for several years and is a proven money maker. Plants set this spring will begin to bear fruit soon after being set but for best results blossoms should be removed until about first of July when they can be allowed to fruit and from then on to freezing weather will have blossoms, green berries in all stages of growth and ripe berries at the same time. Berries are large size, fairly firm and of good quality. Another reason that makes Mastodon a safe variety to plant is that it will not only produce a big fall crop but will bear a heavy crop in the spring, ripening in mid-season, that will compare very favorably with most of the spring bearing varieties. The plants are large with long deep roots that enables them to withstand drouth. The foliage is low and spreading which protects blossoms and berries from frost and cold in the fall. I have a good supply of strong, well rooted plants that will please you and have tried to make the price within the reach of all, so why not enjoy nice luscious berries this summer and fall.

**GEM.** — Originated in Michigan and was introduced by several Michigan growers in 1934. Growers there are very enthusiastic about Gem. One grower says it has a combination of qualities not found in any other everbearer; that it is large, firm, good color, fine flavor, a very heavy cropper, strong vitality and a good plant maker. As a spring crop it will rank with the best.

I have fruited Gem for two years now and the plant growth was fine making more plants than any of the everbearers as it seems to have a tendency to make a number of small plants instead of a few large plants like Mastodon and most of the other everbearing varieties. During the summer Mastodon seemed to produce more fruit than Gem but later in the fall Gem produced the most fruit. The berries are lighter in color than Mastodon but of different shape being almost round, or firmer texture and will carry to market better. The berries are about as good quality as Mastodon, as attractive in the package and will average as large in size but for best results should not be allowed to make too many plants. From results obtained I would advise all who are interested in everbearing strawberries to be sure and give Gem a trial.

**WAYZATA.** — This new everbearing Strawberry was originated in Minnesota, where it has stood the test of extreme cold weather and has always produced a good crop of berries in the fall months of first year set and another nice crop the following spring. The fruit is extra large in size and bright rich red in color. It can also be classed as a good shipping variety, being very solid and of excellent quality. Wayzata makes very few runner plants, producing most of its berries on even strong crown shoots growig up from the main plant, for this reason it can be set 10 to 12 inches apart and a large crop of berries produced from a small area. A space, 10 feet by 10 feet, set with 100 Wayzata should produce for you from 75 to 100 quarts of berries. Owing to the shy plant making ability of Wayzata, the propagating stock is scarce and high in price. Therefore, would advise ordering early if you intend on setting Wayzata for your crop of berries this summer and fall.

# Price List of Strawberry Plants

	By Parcel Post Prepaid			By Parcel Post or Express Purchaser to pay charges			
	25 Plants	50 Plants	100 Plants	100 Plants	500 Plants	1000 Plants	5000 Plants
Dorsett .....	\$0.30	\$0.45	\$0.80	\$0.60	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$18.75
Premier .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00	18.75
Howard 17 .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00	18.75
Big Joe .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00	18.75
Fairfax .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00	18.75
Catskill .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00	18.75
Lupton .....	.30	.45	.80	.60	2.00	4.00	18.75
New York .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	3.00	6.00	
Corsican .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	3.00	6.00	
Chesapeake .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	2.50	5.00	22.50
Mastodon (Everbearing) .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	3.00	6.00	28.50
Gem (Everbearing) .....	.35	.60	1.00	.80	3.00	6.00	28.50
Wayzata (Everbearing) .....	1.25	2.25	4.00				

On all orders of 500 plants or more the rate is cheaper by Express after the third Zone. We now have a new lower Express Rate on plants and roots from here to all points. All growers will save approximately 40% on Express rates.

## MY STRAWBERRY PLANTS

- Are always grown in new beds,
- Are fresh dug at time of shipment.
- Are planted in blocks and kept pure,
- Are sold at as low a price as we can name;
- And furnish good plants.

## Sweet Potato Plants

**YELLOW JERSEY** — A heavy yielder of well shaped yellowish gold color Potatoes that are good dry and mealy when cooked.

**NANCY HALL** — An old favorite of uniform excellence, yellow skin, meat sweet and of amber yellow color.

**PORTO RICO YAMS** — A very popular variety. Deep orange flesh. Sweet, mellow and of fine flavor.

Price either variety: 50c per 100; 500 for \$1.50; 1000 for \$3.00. Postpaid. Plants ready about May 20th.

**Terms**—Payment must be made before shipment. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order, and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment.

**Our Prices**—We think our prices are as low as any reliable grower can offer the same grade of goods. Some may offer lower prices, but the best plants are always the cheapest in the end. Try ours.

**Our Stock** is equal to any grown, and you may always rely on getting it fresh and full of life, and as our soil is especially adapted to the growing of plants, we send out as fine roots as any on the market.

**OUR PLANTS ARE TRUE TO NAME**